

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Claims 25-26 and 33-39 are requested to be cancelled.

Claim 11 is currently being amended.

Claim 27 is rewritten in independent form

Claims 43-51 are being added.

After amending the claims as set forth above, Claims 1-24, 27-32, and 40-51 are now pending in this application, of which Claims 1, 11, 27, 28, 40, and 42 are independent.

Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 1-32 and 40-42 were rejected over, at least in part, US Pat. No. 6,760,407 based on the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting. A terminal disclaimer is being filed with this response. The terminal disclaimer is believed to overcome the non-statutory double patenting rejections.

Claims 1-10, 23, 24, 27-32, and 40-42 were only rejected based on non-statutory double patenting. Since that rejection is believed to be removed by the terminal disclaimer filed with this response, these claims are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections - § 102 and § 103

Claims 11-22, 25, 33, and 35-37 were rejected over Norman (US 4,012,656) or Norman in view of Zhou (US 6,553,096). Claim 26 depended from Claim 11 and was not rejected over these references. Claim 11 has been amended to include the elements of Claim 26 (and any intervening claim). Thus, Claim 11 is believed to overcome these rejections for the same reasons that Claim 26 was not rejected.

Claims 12-22 depend from Claim 11 and are believed to be allowable for at least the same reasons as Claim 11

Claims 25, 33, and 35-37 have been cancelled.

New Claims

Claims 43-51 have been added and depend from one of claims 1, 17, 28, and 40 which are believed to be in condition for allowance. The added claims are thus believed to be in condition for allowance for at least the same reason as the claim from which they depend. Claims 43-51 are believed to be supported by the specification by at least original claims 12, 14-16, 19, 20, 34, 38, and 39.

Conclusion

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-0845. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to

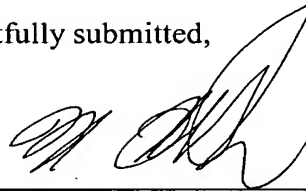
Deposit Account No. 07-0845. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 07-0845.

Respectfully submitted,

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